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1. FOLLOWING RECAP OF CONSULTATIONS BEHIND SCENES IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUE OVER SHOWING OF SYRIAN-SPONSORED AND ISRAELI-SPONSORED FILMS IN GA SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) IS PROVIDED FOR DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH DECISION TAKEN IN SPC NOVEMBER 11.

2. ORIGINAL PLAN AS EXPLAINED TO US BY SECRETARIAT WAS FOR BOTH FILMS TO BE VIEWED BY SPC WHILE IN RECESS, ACCORDING TO SCENARIO OUTLINED IN USUN 5124. SHORTLY BEFORE SPC DUE TO CONVEN NOVEMBER 10, REQUEST WAS MADE FOR "SYRIAN" FILM ON QUNEITRA TO BE SHOWN AS PART OF SPC PROCEEDINGS; SIMILAR REQUEST MADE FOR ISRAELI FILM.

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AFTER LFURRY OF CONSULTATIONS, SECRETARIAT ADVISED CHAIRMAN

THAT SPC WAS MASTER OF OWN PROCEDURES AND COULD HANDLE FILMS IN THIS MANNER IF IT WISHED. SOME ARABS OBJECTED TO SEEING ISRAELI FILM AS PART OF SPC PROCEEDINGS, BUT IT WAS THOUGH BEFORE MEETING CONVENED THAT THEY HAD BEEN PERSUADED TO BE CONTENT WITH MAKING STATEMENTS FOR RECORD, AFTER WHICH SYRIA WOULD MAKE INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS ON QUNEITRA FILM, THAT FILM WOULD BE SHOWN, AND ISRAEL WOULD BE CALLED ON TO PRESENT ITS FILM AND STATEMENT.

3. AS REPORTED, ALTHOUGH SOME ARABS, INCLUDING EGYPT AND POSSIBLY SYRIA, WERE PREPARED TO FOLLOW THIS ARRANGEMENT, OTHERS WERE NOT AND KUWAITI PROPOSAL AGAINST ANY SHOWING OF ISRAELI FILM WAS PUT FORWARD IN NOVEMBER 10 MEETING. BETWEEN THAT MEETING AND ONE OF NOVEMBER 11 EGYPT LED EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT COMPROMISE TO ENABLE SPC TO VIEW BOTH FILMS, IT HAVING BECOME EVIDENT THAT MANY DELEGATIONS OBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION EMBODIED IN KUWAITI PROPOSAL. OUR CONSULTATIONS ALSO INDICATED THAT IF KUWAITI PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ADOPTED SOME OF EC-9, AS WELL AS AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND PERHAPS OTHERS, WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BOYCOTTED QUNEITRA FILM.

4. NEW ARRANGEMENT THAT EGYPT WORKED OUT WITH ARAB COLLEAGUES WAS FOR QUNEITRA FILM TO BE INTRODUCED BY SYRIA BUT CONSIDERED PART OF REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, BASED ON FACT IT WAS LISTED IN REPORT ANNEX AND HAD BEEN VIEWED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN COURSE OF ITS WORK. ISRAELI FILM WOULD BE SHOWN AS PART OF ISRAELI REP'S STATEMENT IN DEBATE. BOTH WOULD HAVE BEEN SHOWN AS PART OF SPC'S PROCEEDINGS. ISRAEL, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS ARRANGEMENT. IT TOOK POSITION THAT REQUESTS FROM TWO DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN ABSOLUTELY EQUAL TREATMENT, THAT THIS QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO IT THAN SHOWING OF FILM, AND THAT IT WOULD SHOW ITS FILM ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS OF EQUAL TREATMENT.

5. WHEN THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS REJECTED BY ISRAEL, IDEA OF PROPOSING SUBMISSION OF ISRAELI FILM TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE SURFACED (NOT CLEAR FROM WHERE), AND IT WAS IN FACT PUT TO SPC AND FINALLY ADOPTED NOVEMBER 11.
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6. CANVASS OF EC-9 AND OTHER WEOS PRIOR TO SPC MEETING NOVEMBER 12 INDICATED NONE WERE PREPARED TO WALK OUT OF MEETING DURING SHOWING OF QUNEITRA FILM. REASONING WAS THAT, WHILE ORIGINAL (KUWAITI) PROPOSAL MIGHT HAVE JUSTIFIED WALKOUT, SINCE SPC ITSELF WOULD HAVE DECIDED NOT TO SEE ISRAELI FILM, ISRAEL, IN REJECTING "REASONABLE COMPROMISE," HAD ITSELF MADE DECISION NOT TO SHOW FILM.

DELS INCLINED TO WALK OUT EARLIER AGREED THAT "COMPROMISE" WAS DISCRIMINATORY TO A DEGREE BUT PLACED IT IN QUITE DIFFERENT CATEGORY FROM SITUATION IN WHICH SPC REFUSED TO SEE ISRAELI FILM AT ALL. GENERAL FEELING WAS THAT ISRAEL WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER ADVISED TO PLACE ITS OBJECTIONS ON RECORD BUT GO AHEAD AND SHOW FILM AS PART OF ITS STATEMENT. IT WAS ALSO NOTED BY SOME THAT, IN THEORY AT LEAST, ISRAELI FILM STILL COULD COME TO SPC THROUGH SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

7. WE CONSULTED ISRAELI DEL FEW MINUTES BEFORE SPC DUE TO CONVEN NOVEMBER 12 AND AT THAT STAGE THEY HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO STAY DURING SHOWING OF QUNEITRA FILM OR NOT. IN FACT, FOLLOWING SYRIAN INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, ISRAEL ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD WITHDRAW DURING SHOWING, IN LIGHT OF "DISCRIMINATORY RESOLUTION ADOPTED YESTERDAY." AMB. DORON AND TWO ADVISERS THEN LEFT SEATS AND DORON LEFT ROOM, BUT TWO ADVISERS REMAINED IN REAR DURING FILM SHOWING. QUITE A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS MOVED OUT OF REGULAR SEATS IN ORDER TO LOCATE SELVES BETTER FOR VIEWING SCREEN. US MOVED TO UNMARKED SEAT AT BACK OF ROOM BUT ON FLOOR OF CHAMBER. (US SEAT IS AT END OF HORSESHOE, PROVIDING EXTREMELY UNSATISFACTORY VIEW OF SCREEN.) NO ONE HAS INQUIRED ABOUT OUR MOTIVE FOR MOVING.
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